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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the third regular session of 1994 of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 5 October 1994

SUMMARY

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the third regular session of 1994 of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work

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5. Interim assessment of the management review of UNICEF (E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.12)

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10. Election of members on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy (E/ICEF/1994/L.21)

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12. Greeting Card and related Operations: report on implementation of Executive Board decision 1993/24 C (E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.14)

13. Continuation of funding from administrative and programme support budget for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States (E/ICEF/1994/P/L.40)

14. Conference facilities at the premises of UNICEF headquarters (E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.15 and E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.16)

15. Issues to be addressed at the 1995 Executive Board sessions and work programme (E/ICEF/1994/CRP.54)

16. Use of global funds, including the Interregional Fund for Programme Preparation, Promotion and Evaluation (E/ICEF/1994/P/L.38 and Add.1)

17. Other business

18. Concluding remarks by the Executive Director and the President

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

The provisional agenda and organization of work take into account Executive Board decision 1994/R.1/2 on the calendar of meetings and the allocation of items for 1994, adopted at the first regular session in February 1994, as well as other relevant decisions. These also reflect implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields as far as the Executive Board is concerned. Most of the items for the third regular session relate to administrative and budgetary issues.

1. Opening of the session: remarks by the President and the Executive Director

The third regular session will commence with opening remarks by the President (effective 1 July 1994, the new Rules of procedure changed the title of Chairman to President) of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda

The provisional agenda and organization of work as presented in the present document are recommended for consideration and adoption.

3. Election to fill the vacant post of one Vice-President

Upon the departure of Mr. Peter Post (Netherlands) from New York on reassignment, the post of the Vice-President representing the Western Europe and Others regional group has become vacant. The Group will nominate a candidate for the post for the remainder of the term of office.

4. Status report on the follow-up to the multi-donor evaluation of UNICEF

The Executive Board in its decision 1994/A/8 adopted at the 1994 annual session, requested that a status report be presented at the third regular session on the preparation of the documents due for submission in 1995. The status report is available in document E/ICEF/1994/L.20. The Board may take note of the report and provide guidance in the preparation of the documents, as necessary.

5. Interim assessment of the management review of UNICEF

This report, contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.12, was requested by the Executive Board in its decision 1993/26 adopted at its special session in October 1993 on the question of the UNICEF headquarters office accommodation. The management review, undertaken by external consultants of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc., will be completed by year's end. As mandated by the Board, the open-ended working group on follow-up to the multi-donor evaluation have been meeting with the consultants. They will also be available during the third regular session to interact with Board members, as deemed necessary.

6. Projections of future levels of UNICEF headquarters staff

The report on this item is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.11. It was requested by the Executive Board in decision 1993/26, adopted at a special session in October 1993, for a review to be undertaken by 15 October 1994.

7. Review of UNICEF recovery policy

The report on this item, submitted in accordance with Executive Board decision 1992/37, adopted at the regular session in May 1993, is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.2. The Board may wish to adopt the recommendation included in the report.

The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this subject will be available in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.16.

8. A self-financing Supply Division

The report on this issue, contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.9, is being presented to the Executive Board in response to comments by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the difficulty of establishing the actual cost of UNICEF supply operations. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the recommendation included in the report.

The report of the Advisory Committee on this issue will be available in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.16.

9. UNICEF health strategy: policy review

In its decision 1992/22, the Executive Board called for further elaboration of the UNICEF health strategy, in the context of the Bamako Initiative: community-focused sector development. A policy review paper on the UNICEF health strategy is presented for consideration by the Board in document E/ICEF/1994/L.6. The report, while covering UNICEF's health policy and strategy in general, stresses in particular a community-focused approach to health sector development, including the Bamako Initiative, as requested by the Board. A specific progress report on the Bamako Initiative, which has been presented to the Board on a biennial basis in non-budget years, will be presented in 1996.

The Board may wish to consider and adopt the recommendations contained in the policy review document.

Also, as per its decision 1994/R.2/2, adopted at its second regular session of 1994, the Executive Board is expected to have a more substantive discussion on the report of the special session of UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy held in January 1994, in the context of the further elaboration of the UNICEF health strategy at its third regular session. The report is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.10.

10. Election of members on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy

Following Executive Board decision 1994/R.2/5, on the restructuring of the composition of UNICEF Executive Board representation on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy, the election of all five members and respective alternates representing the five regional groups of the United Nations will be held during this session. The next regular biennial session of the Committee will be held in January 1995. A background document on the election is available in E/ICEF/1994/L.21.

11. Review of Greeting Card and related Operations (GCO) currently located in Manhattan

The Executive Board, while adopting decision 1993/26 on headquarters office accommodations at its special session in October 1993, decided to undertake a review of the GCO location in Manhattan. The Board has before it a report on this item in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.10 with a recommendation of the Executive Director which it may wish to consider and adopt.

The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this item will be available in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.16.

12. Greeting Card and related Operations: report on implementation of Executive Board decision 1993/24 C

In its decision 1994/A/9 C adopted at its annual session in May 1994, the Executive Board requested a report on the implementation of its decision 1993/24 C. The report is submitted in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.14. The Board may wish to take note of it.

13. Continuation of funding from administrative and programme support budget for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States

The report on this subject is being presented to the Executive Board to seek its approval for the continuation of funding to support ongoing activities in 1995 in the countries of the region. Funds for programme support authorized by the Executive Board in its decisions 1992/19 and 1992/42 will be exhausted by the end of 1994. A Board decision is, therefore, required in this regard.

14. Conference facilities at the premises of UNICEF headquarters

In its decision 1994/R.1/1, the Executive Board requested the secretariat to present a report containing additional information on the development of conference facilities at the premises of UNICEF House with detailed costing for possible options for such facilities. The report is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.15. The Board also decided that it should examine the matter "in the near future". Bearing in mind that the matter requires consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as well as the Advisory Committee's meeting schedule, it has been decided to present the report to the Board for consideration at the third regular session. It may wish to provide the necessary guidance in the matter.

15. Issues to be addressed at the 1995 Executive Board sessions and work programme

The Executive Board decided at its first regular session (decision 1994/R.1/2) that the programme of work for 1995 would be considered at its third regular session in 1994. A proposal on the allocation of items and organization of work for the 1995 Executive Board sessions is presented in document E/ICEF/1994/CRP.54 for Board consideration.

16. Use of global funds, including the Interregional Fund for Programme Preparation, Promotion and Evaluation

As mandated by the Executive Board, a progress report on the use of global funds is presented on a biennial basis in non-budget years. The report for 1994 is presented in documents E/ICEF/1994/L.38 and Add.1. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

17. Other business

As one of the subjects under this item, it is proposed that the Executive Board take note of the report to the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions which is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.3/Add.1. This report is presented to the Board on an annual basis.

18. Concluding remarks by the Executive Director and the President

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the third regular session of 1994 of the Executive Board, 3-5 October 1994

Monday, 3 October

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Item 1:	Opening of the session: remarks by the President and the Executive Director
	Item 2:	Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of work
	Item 3:	Election to fill the vacant post of one Vice-President
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Item 4:	Status report on follow-up to the multi-donor evaluation of UNICEF
12 p.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5:	Interim assessment of the management review of UNICEF
3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Item 6:	Projections of future levels of UNICEF headquarters staff
4 p.m.-5 p.m.	Item 7:	Review of UNICEF recovery policy
5 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 8:	A self-financing Supply Division

Tuesday, 4 October

10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Item 9:	UNICEF health strategy: policy review
	Item 10:	Election of members on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy
12 p.m.-1 p.m.	Item 11:	Review of Greeting Card and related Operations (GCO) currently located in Manhattan
	Item 12:	Greeting Card and related Operations: report on implementation of Executive Board decision 1993/24 C.1 and C.2
3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	Item 13:	Continuation of funding from administrative and programme support budget for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States

3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	Item 14:	Conference facilities at the premises of UNICEF headquarters
4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.		Informal consultations

Wednesday, 5 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 15:	Issues to be addressed at the 1995 Executive Board sessions and work programme
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 16:	Use of global funds, including the Interregional Fund for Programme Preparation, Promotion and Evaluation
	Item 17:	Other business
	Item 18:	Concluding remarks by the Executive Director and the President

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